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Cellphone signals could get a boost thanks to new devices

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Ever been in a busy place where the internet seems to move at a snail's pace? The number of people using cellphones or other electronic devices with internet capability at the same time can severely slow down streaming or cause a phone conversation to go in

and out. But a technology could be coming to Macon that could alleviate some of those problems. Cox Communications wants to install "small cell" transmitters, which could improve signals for a radius of 300 to 1,000 feet. They are ideal for shopping centers, colleges and busy intersections, said Eric Berry, a director of business development for Cox.

The devices, typically about the size of a basketball, can be attached to streetlight poles, traffic signals — or a new pole. "Sometimes you have a garbled voice," he said. "If your kids are in a car, grandkids are in a car and playing video games and go, 'oh, my phone doesn't work,' this is because the service got weak. "The small cell will get you that consistent experience

throughout the network." The company is seeking an agreement with Macon-Bibb County to install the devices. The county could get fees of \$700 to \$1,000 per streetlight annually where the small cells are placed, Berry said during a presentation to commissioners. Cox partners with certain wireless carriers to provide the infrastructure, such as fiber, that helps support streaming and cellular services. The small cells are an effort by telecommunication companies such as Verizon to increase 5G capabilities, Berry said. "You have to have small cells in a very pinpoint location," Berry said. ... "That's why streetlights, traffic signals or self-built 35-foot poles work the best."

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Warner Robins High School's Jacolbey Owens (4) puts up a third-quarter shot in the lane Friday night during the Demons' 96-63 win over Ware County in their GHSA 5A first-round playoff game.

Russians indicted, accused of 2016 election interference

BY SHARON LAFRANIERE
New York Times

WASHINGTON The special counsel investigating Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election charged 13 Russian nationals and three Russian organizations Friday with illegally trying to disrupt the U.S. political process, including efforts designed to boost the presidential candidacy of Donald Trump and hurt that of his opponent,

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Hillary Clinton.
The indictment represents the first charges by the special counsel, Robert Mueller, for meddling in the 2016 presidential election — the fundamental crime that he was assigned to investigate.
In a 37-page indictment filed in U.S. District Court, Mueller said the 13 individuals have

conspired since 2014 to violate laws that prohibit foreigners from spending money to influence federal elections in the United States.
The indictment charges that the foreigners falsely posed as U.S. citizens, stole identities, and otherwise engaged in fraud and deceit in an effort to influence the U.S. political process, including the 2016 presidential race.
"The nature of the scheme was the defendants took extraordinary steps to make it

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Rod Rosenstein, deputy attorney general

appear that they were ordinary American political activists,”

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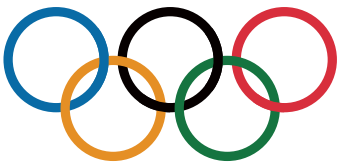
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